

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets include changes to Figures 8 and 9. The sheet, which includes Figures 8-9, replaces the original sheet including Figures 8-9. In Figures 8 and 9 reference numeral 19 has been added.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 9, 14, 16-32 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 20-22, 25, 28, and 32 are in independent form. New claims 32-34 were added to the application.

Enclosed herewith are amended Figures 8 and 9 that include reference numeral 19 indicating the pin retainer. The addition of this reference numeral, which refers to an already illustrated element, does not constitute the addition of new matter.

Applicants are adding additional claims 32-34 to the application. Support for these claims is found throughout the application. More specifically, the present invention provides a wear member for use with a pin retainer, the wear member includes an internal surface and an external surface defining at least one wall; and an opening extending through the wall and arranged to receive the pin retainer and having a pin retainer locking portion. The pin retainer locking portion is oriented to substantially prevent inboard and outboard movement of the pin retainer within the opening when the pin retainer locking portion is engaged with the pin retainer. In an embodiment of this aspect of the present invention, the opening is provided with an anti-rotation configuration adapted to be engagable with the pin retainer. In another embodiment of the present invention, the pin retainer locking portion has a larger diameter than the diameter of the opening on either side of the pin retainer locking portion.

Enclosed herewith is Figure 10, which is a cross-sectional view of an embodiment of the wear member for use with the pin retainer shown in Figures 8 and 9. The Figure is included to more specifically and more vividly depict how the wear member and pin retainer function. With reference to Figure 10, shown in cross section, there is depicted a portion of the wear member 1 having an opening 5 configured to received the pin retainer 19 illustrated and described earlier with respect to Figures 8 and 9. As shown, the opening 5 includes a pin retainer 9 that is configured to substantially prevent inboard and outboard movement of the pin retainer 19 within the opening 5. The pin retainer 19 can be made of the identified material such as a resilient polymer that will enable the pin retainer 19 to more easily snap into the pin retainer locking portion 22. The opening can include an anti-rotation configuration (not shown) that can be configured substantially similar to the anti-rotation surface 6 illustrated and described previously with respect to Figure 1. Thus, Figure 10 provides further detail for understanding how the pin retainer and wear member work in conjunction with one another. This is not new matter being added to the application but is instead being used for illustrative purposes to provide a different depiction of the functionality of the system of the present invention all of which is disclosed in the specification as filed.

In view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and advancement of the case to issue are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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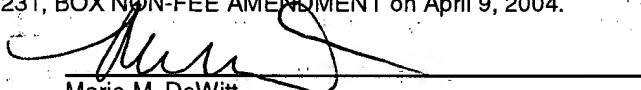
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